

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Taylor S3760

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[Tennessee, Bedford County]

This day being the 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Phillips, John B. Armstrong, and John L. Neill, Esquires Gentlemen justices of the peace, appointed to hold the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County in the State aforesaid now sitting Charles Taylor a resident of Bedford County in the State aforesaid; aged 79 years and 9 days, who after being first sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit; That he volunteered in Captain Blakely [John Blakeney] his Company as drummer in Chesterfield district and State of South Carolina in the winter of 1772¹ about the first of December And was marched on in order to subdue a party of Scofleites² or Tories who were said to have embodied on the Saluda River in South Carolina under one Colonel Thomas Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] he states that he was marched about 50 miles on that direction where he states they met the Americans marching on to Charlestown with Fletchall and about a half dozen of his men prisoners. He states that his Major's name was Hicks [George Hicks] and he states they were marched back home and discharged in the month of January in the year 1773. –

He states that afterwards in the year 1776 he was drafted in Chesterfield District in South Carolina and Served as Drummer in Captain John Joneses [sic, more likely John Jamison's] company and was stationed at what was called the ten mile house for 2 months and better; and was then discharged in writing by Colonel Culp [Abel Kolb] who was our head commander at

¹ The events described by this veteran occurred in late 1775, not 1772 as he states. Fletchall and other Tory leader were taken prisoner in what is known as the Snow Campaign in late December, 1775.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² Sic, **Scofolite, Scoffelites, Scopholites, Scovelites or Coffelites**: A name given to white Tories who dressed up like Indians when attacking patriot fortifications in the hope of deflecting their neighbors' animosity away from themselves and onto the Cherokees who constituted a constant threat to the frontier settlers prior to and throughout the period of the Revolutionary War. The name derived from Joseph Scoffel, a Tory, who was active in the loyalist cause from an early period of the war. For an excellent discussion of the "Scofol Lights," see, Rachel N. Klein, "Frontier Planters and the American Revolution: The South Carolina Backcountry, 1775-1782," in Ronald Hoffman, Thad W. Tate and Peter J. Albert, eds., *An Uncivil War: The Southern Backcountry During the American Revolution*, (Charlottesville: United States Capitol Historical Society by The University Press of Virginia, 1985), 37-69.

that place. He further states that after he was drafted and attached to Captain McManas's [Capt. Thomas McManis'] Company and he states that for they had orders to march he was taken sick, and shortly after was taken prisoner by the Tories and marched to their encampment below Camden on the Wateree River where he says they kept him about one month when he effected and state and fled to the age of the State of Georgia to my Brother in law Benjamin Moseley's where I remained through fear of the Tories until Colonel Clarke [Elijah Clarke] marched into the State of Georgia when I volunteered with Captain George Dooley [sic, George Dooly] whose company was attached to Colonel Clarke's troops; This he states was in the first part of May 1781. He states that he was in the battle of Augusta And at that place he states he saw Colonels Washington [William Washington] and Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] at the Siege of Augusta,³ with troops of light horse. He also states that he still remained in said Company under Captain Dooley, until the close of the war, and was after in actual Service for one or 2 months at a time. He states that in the whole of his Service from first to last he was in actual service about 18 months.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence whatever; And that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service. He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States.

Inty 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia on the 5th day of August 1753.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have a record of my age at home in my prayer Book.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: When I first was called into Service I lived in Chesterfield District South Carolina, and when I was called into service last, or when I volunteered I was at my brother-in-law's Benjamin Moseley in Wilkes County Georgia. Since the close of the war I returned back to South Carolina, and moved from that to Rowan County and State of North Carolina and from thence to Smith County Tennessee, and I moved from that to Bedford County Tennessee where I now live. –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was first a volunteer, then I was drafted twice, and the last time, I volunteered until the close of the war. –

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I recollect Captain John Donaldson, also I was told that Colonel Washington and Colonel Lee who I saw at Augusta were Regular Officers.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received one discharge signed by Captain John Jones but where it is now, I cannot tell;

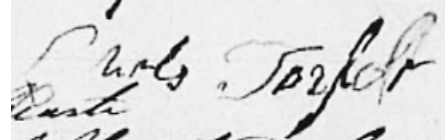
³ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: the Reverend William Jenkins, Michael Fisher, Esquire, Benjamin the reeds and William Carter.

The above sworn to in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Chrls Taylor

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Sworn to in open court 14th of August 1832

S/ James McKisick, clerk

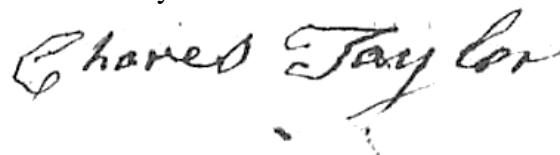
[William Jenkins, a clergyman and Michael Fisher gave the standard supporting affidavit

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An amendment to the declaration of Charles Taylor Subscribed and Sworn to at August term 1832 of Bedford Court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 State of Tennessee Bedford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County Charles Taylor who subscribed and was sworn to the declaration above alluded to, who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise periods of the war when he served but to the best of his recollection his first tower [tour] of duty was performed in the year 1772 about the first of December as stated in his declaration, and that he served as drummer not less than one month and a half at said time; and to the best of his recollection his second tower was performed as drummer in Captain Joneses Company in the year 1776, as mentioned in his declaration; and to the best of his recollection he served not less than two months and that he was drafted and, placed in Captain Jones's company as drummer, about the 20th of August in the year 1780 [could be 1781] and shortly afterwards was taken prisoner as stated in the accompanying declaration, and remained a prisoner at least one month and that he served his last tower with Captain Dooley -- which commenced in the month of May 1781 and that he served between then and the close of the war as drummer and a volunteer in said Dooley's company not less than twelve months, making in the whole a term of actual Service in the war of the Revolution of not less than sixteen months and a half for which he claims a pension, Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of January 1833.

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S/ Nathan H. Schooler, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months and 15 days in the South Carolina and Georgia militia.]